

From: [Rena Leddy](#)
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Subject: RE: get down town
Date: Monday, July 20, 2015 12:00:46 PM

Hi Ari,

Arianna is going to be your point person. I've cc'd her on the email. Thanks! Rena

From: Ari Simon [mailto:ari@historiccore.bid]
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2015 8:01 PM
To: Kent Smith; Rena Leddy
Subject: get down town

Hi Kent & Rena,

Thanks again for being part of a great event at the Garment Building!

For nearly a year now, I've been chairing the Downtown LA Arts & Culture Stakeholders Group, an alliance of Downtown's museums, theaters, venues and cultural centers. As a key deliverable, I've been working on launching an culture guide for Downtown at large.

Called *GET DOWN TOWN*, it's a free arts/culture happenings guide and creative mag in print and as an online calendar. It'll offer visitors and residents alike a wealth of information of arts & culture events here, as well as tell stories of Downtown's cultural context. Not just political/development stories like DT News, and not just 5 merchants a month like the LA Downtowner, Downtown needs something curated yet comprehensive to share all we have to offer here. We'll be specifically sharing cultural events and stories from around the Fashion District, which most publications tend to unfortunately ignore. More detailed information is attached.

I'm now getting fundraising commitments and would love your support. With a \$1000, \$2000, or \$5000 contribution, we'll be able to publish two rounds of print (Sept '15 when the Broad opens and Nov '15) and keep our digital interface going through 2015. The South Park BID, Historic Core BID, Downtown Center BID, the Delijani theaters, and Gilmore Associates are all on board. I'm amidst asks and pending confirmations from folks like the Arts District BID, Ace Hotel, BLVD, and Spaceland. I'm amidst reaching out to several others as well.

Attached is an informational letter, our 2015 budget, and a more informal thorough overview of the publication. Let me know if the Fashion District BID would be willing to contribute here. Feel free to call me with any questions as well - 609-731-7834.

Gratefully,

Ari

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